

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

#### Current Status of Claims

1.(withdrawn)

2.(withdrawn)

3.(withdrawn)

4.(withdrawn)

5.(withdrawn)

6.(withdrawn)

7.(withdrawn)

1 8.(currently amended) A method for treating [or preventing] a viral infection in a patient  
2 [in need of such treatment or prevention] comprising administering a therapeutically [or  
3 prophylactically] effective amount of a plant extract [is obtained from] comprising a  
4 particulate, dehydrated [Allium] plant material derived from a species of Allium selected  
5 from the group consisting of Allium cepa, Allium ampeloprasum, Allium fistulosa, and Allium  
6 schoenoprasum [that is processed after dehydration to produce particles] having [an average  
7 particle size] particles ranging in size from about 1 to 1,400 microns.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein [said Allium extract is administered orally] the  
2 administering is orally administering.

1 10. The method of claim 8, wherein [said] the viral infection is selected from the group  
2 consisting of influenza, herpes, hepatitis, parvovirus, distemper, RSV, CMV, rhinovirus,  
3 rhabdovirus, papillomavirus, Epstein Barr, and foot and mouth disease virus.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein [said] the Allium species is [selected from the group

consisting of *A. cepa*, *A. ampeloprasum*, *A. fistulosa*, and *A. schoenoprasum*] *Allium ampeloprasum*.

12. The method of claim [9]8, wherein [said] the *Allium species* is [A.] *Allium cepa*.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein [said particulate extract is administered orally] the extract has a particle size distribution comprising about 42.9% of the particles less than 250 microns, 56.9% of the particles less than 355 microns, 74.7% of the particles less than 500 microns, 21.7% of the particles ranging between 500-850 microns, 22.1% of the particles ranging from 106-250 microns, 6.8% of the particles ranging from 75-106 microns, 10.8% of the particles ranging from 36-75 microns, and 3.2% of the particles less than 36 microns.

14.(withdrawn)

15.(withdrawn)

16.(withdrawn)

17.(withdrawn)

18.(withdrawn)

19.(withdrawn)

20.(withdrawn)

21.(withdrawn)

22.(withdrawn)

23.(withdrawn)

24.(withdrawn)

25.(withdrawn)

26.(withdrawn)

27.(withdrawn)

28.(withdrawn)

29.(withdrawn)

30.(withdrawn)

31.(withdrawn)

32.(withdrawn)

33.(withdrawn)

34.(withdrawn)

35.(withdrawn)

36.(withdrawn)

37.(withdrawn)

38.(withdrawn)

1      39.    The method of claim 8, wherein the particles have a particle size of less than or equal  
2      to 10 microns to about 850 microns.

1      40.    The method of claim 8, wherein the particles have a particle size between about 36  
2      and about 500 microns.

1      41.    The method of claim 8, wherein the *Allium* species is *Allium fistulosa*.

1      42.    The method of claim 8, wherein the *Allium* species is *Allium schoenoprasum*.